

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CORRESPONDENCE ACTION REPORT

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TASKED AGENCY OSD
SUSPENSE DATE (MMDDYYYY) 11/12/2013

1. REQUESTED ACTION

- ☒ a. ACTION COMPLETED ☒ COPY ATTACHED and/or ☐ SEE JUSTIFICATION BELOW
- ☐ b. REQUEST EXTENSION OF SUSPENSE DATE (MMDDYYYY) TO _____ (Justify below)
- ☐ c. INTERIM REPLY SENT (Attach copy); EXTEND SUSPENSE DATE (MMDDYYYY) TO _____ (Justify below)
- ☐ d. REQUEST CANCELLATION (Justify below)
- ☐ e. REQUEST TRANSFER TO _____ (Justify below, include POC name and telephone number)
- ☐ f. REQUEST DOWNGRADE TO _____ (Justify below)

2. JUSTIFICATION

See attached documents. Action Complete. No further action is required.

3. TASKED AGENCY

a. AGENCY NAME ASD/LA	b. ACTION OFFICER NAME Col (b) (6)	c. TELEPHONE NUMBER (b) (6)
d. DATE (MMDDYYYY) 11/12/2013	e. AGENCY APPROVING AUTHORITY SIGNATURE (Service Secretary/Under Secretary/ASD Military/ Executive Assistant Level) Col (b) (6) Military Assistant to ASD King (b) (6)	

4. ACTION TAKEN (For ExecSec/Executive Support Office and Correspondence Control Division Use Only)

- a. ACTION COMPLETED ☒ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED
- b. EXTENSION ☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED
- c. CANCELLATION ☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED
- d. TRANSFER ☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED
- e. DOWNGRADE ☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED
- f. OTHER (Specify below) ☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED

RDC → Action Complete

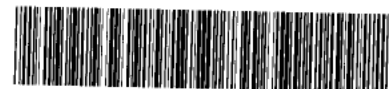
g. DATE SIGNED (MMDDYYYY)

11/22/13

h. SIGNATURE

[Signature]

5. OSD CONTROL NUMBER



OSD012742-13



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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-3000

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The Honorable Darryl Issa
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

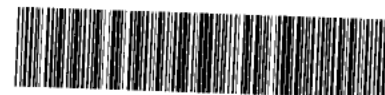
Dear Chairman Issa:

Thank you for your letter of October 30, 2013, to the Secretary of Defense regarding the attacks on U.S. facilities in Benghazi, Libya. We understand your concerns regarding the tragic event of last fall, and continue to work with Congress regarding this matter.

Since May, the Department has provided six classified briefings to the House Armed Services' Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations – including a briefing by General Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in October. All of these briefings were open to and attended by Members from the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Additionally, Garry Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations & Low-Intensity Conflict, and Major General Darryl Roberson, Vice Director, J-3, Joint Staff, testified before the House Armed Services' Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in September in open and closed sessions. Further, earlier this year, General Carter Ham, Commander, U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), provided a classified briefing to Oversight and Government Reform and Foreign Affairs Committees' Members. The Department has been responsive to every Benghazi related congressional request to date, and remains committed to accommodating congressional oversight regarding this matter.

There were neither Department personnel nor assets in Benghazi at the time of the attack on Special Mission Compound (SMC) on September 11, 2012. There were no personnel in Benghazi under the command or control of the Department at the time of the attack. As such, we must respectfully refer you to those agencies with personnel on the ground to answer any questions regarding responses and response planning involving the SMC or the Benghazi Annex. Regarding your request for audio and visual documentation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence produced a classified video timeline of the attack including footage from various sources from the interagency. All Members of the House of Representatives were invited to view this video on December 5, 2012.

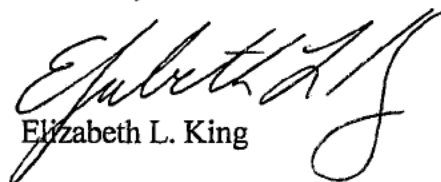
We are continuing to work with House Armed Services Committee to provide any additional information needed for it to complete its investigation of the Department's actions in response to the attack. Moreover, the Department is working diligently with the interagency to bring the perpetrators to justice, and to prevent such a tragic event from ever occurring again. If the Department can be of further assistance, please contact Mr. (b) (6) Director,



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Congressional Investigations, Office of the DOD General Counsel at (b) (6). An identical response has been provided to Chairman Royce on the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth L. King".

Elizabeth L. King

cc:

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member



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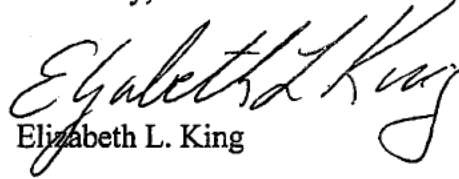
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Elizabeth L. King

cc:
The Honorable Eliot Engel
Ranking Member